

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Schmid, et al., (US Patent No. 5,659,164).

Claims 1 and 8, as amended, require that the control sheet have only a control image on it, and that the control sheet can be located somewhere else in the imaging job. The cover page 1 of Schmid must be the first page of the imaging job. The cover page 1' is not a cover page for the first imaging job, but for a second imaging job that is appended to the first imaging job. In addition, the HRI of Schmid may reside on the same page as the machine-readable information. See Figures 1 and 3A of Schmid, as well as col. 4, 37-45. and col. 4, lines 50-57.

Applicants therefore submit that claims 1 and 8 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and request allowance of these claims.

Claims 2-7 and claims 9-15 depend from claims 1 and 8, respectively. Applicants submit that these claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art for the reasons as applied to claims 1 and 8. In light of the amendments to the claims, Applicants request allowance of these claims.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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